

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Vision

The vision for First Hill was created and refined during Phase 1. First Hill envisions itself in the future to be:

- A home to people with a full range of incomes, abilities and interests
- A regional center for state-of-the-art health services
- A dynamic neighborhood ready to meet the challenges of the future
- A community that celebrates its rich history and cultural heritage
- A premier city neighborhood with opportunities to grow
- A premier business and employment center with opportunities to grow

Key Strategies

- Madison Street District** – strategy seeks to enhance the types of activities, and influence the location and design of the proposed light rail station and the adjacent land uses to create a critical mass of activity on Madison.
- Yesler Community Center** – focuses on upgrading the Yesler Community Center, and improving streets in the vicinity of Yesler Terrace and walking routes to the Bailey Gatzert Elementary School.
- Downtown Connector** - focuses on improving pedestrian links to downtown.

Community Investment

- First Hill Park - 2002 saw the completion of the long-awaited face-lift. Improvements include tree removal to improve air and light circulation (to arrest the spread of a tree killing disease that has taken hold in the park), and new park furniture and pavers, with lighting upgrades to follow.
- In 2004 and 2005, Seattle Parks acquisition staff and Makers, an urban design firm, worked with the First Hill community to develop a "First Hill Urban Village Park Plan" that provided a strategic approach for identifying potential sites for a new park through the Pro Parks Levy acquisition fund.



Yesler Community Center

Community Investment (cont)

- The initial North Link light rail route included a First Hill light rail station on Madison Street. Subsequent technical studies, found engineering, geology and construction risks at the First Hill Station site. In July 2005, the Board eliminated the station. Sound Transit completed an alternatives analysis and developed the First Hill Streetcar project serving Seattle's Capitol Hill, First Hill and International District areas with connections to Link light rail and Sounder commuter rail. This project was approved by voters in 2008.
- The Mayor approved amendments to the Commercial Code in March, 2009 to clarify and better carry out the intent of the 2006 Neighborhood Business District Strategy. Through the efforts of David Brewster and Historic Seattle, Town Hall opened in March 1999. Housed in the historic Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist, Town Hall is Seattle's community culture center. It showcases the community's cultural energy with diverse music, arts and humanities, civic discourse, and world culture programming.
- Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) provided a site for a new community center so that the Yesler Terrace community could have both a new community center and replacement of housing that would be demolished in building the new facility. In February, 2005, the new 20,000 square foot Yesler Community Center opened to the public. This facility was designed on one level with visibility from the entry desk to all key areas and entries for security, and includes off-street parking. Seattle Parks and Recreation has received a Civic Design Award from the American Institute of Architects for the design of the Yesler Community Center.
- In the Spring of 2009 SDOT worked with the First Hill Improvement Association through the Neighborhood Street Fund to design and complete improvements along 8th Ave from Marion to Cherry Streets including: rebuilding the existing sidewalk, enlarging the tree pit area to keep the existing trees healthy, installing pedestrian-scale lighting.
- To improve pedestrian access across Boren Avenue, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) made improvements at six locations between E Yesler Way and Union Street. Improvements include: upgraded the existing signal at Union Street, installed a new pedestrian crosswalk signal at Spring Street; removed a marked crosswalk at Boren Avenue and Columbia Street; installed a new marked crosswalk with a median island at Terrace Street; installed a pedestrian crossing across the southeast leg of Boren Avenue and Broadway; providing a more direct signalized connection for pedestrians; removed a marked crosswalk at Boren Avenue and Spruce Street (stairway).

Neighborhood Plans:

WWW.SEATTLE.GOV/NEIGHBORHOODS/NPI/PLANS

Neighborhood Status Reports:

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HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT

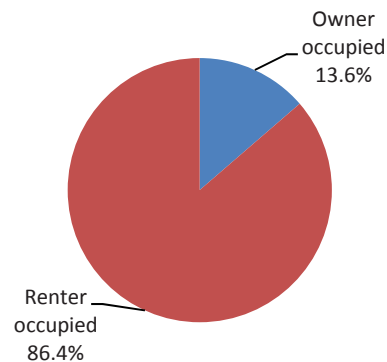
Source: 2000 Census, Washington Employment Security Department

Comprehensive Plan 2024 Growth Targets

Source: comprehensive Plan	Land Area in Acres	Households (HH)				Employment (Jobs)			
		Existing (2004)	Existing Density (HH/Ac)	Growth Target	2024 Density (Est. HH/ Ac.)	Existing (2002)	Existing Density (Jobs/Ac.)	Growth Target	2024 Density (Est. HH/ Ac.)
	916	22,520	25	3,500	28	37,940	41	4,600	46

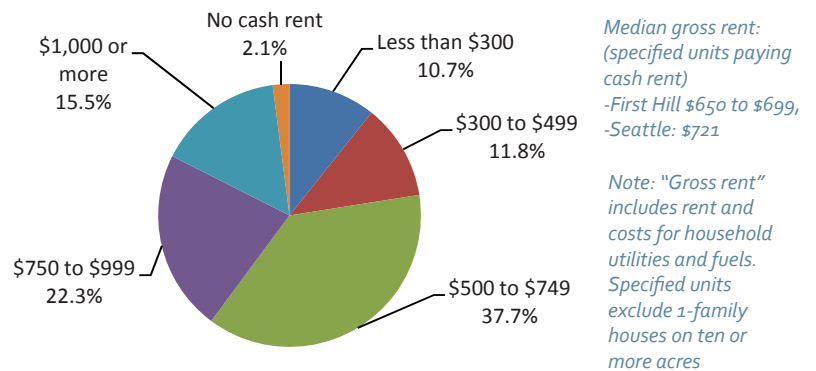
Renter/Owner

for all occupied housing units



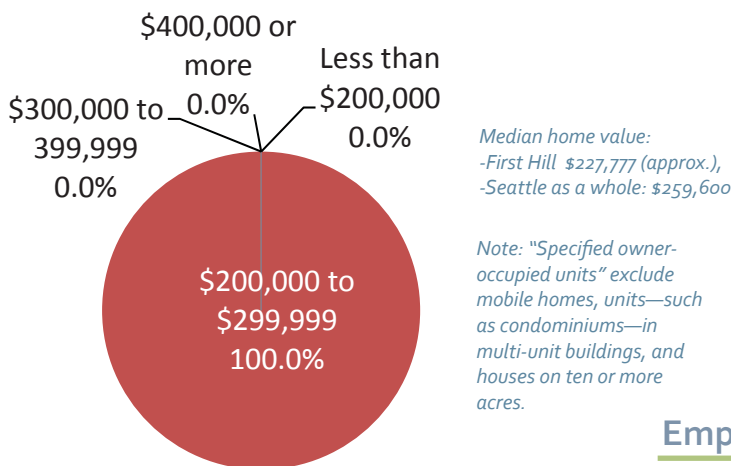
Gross Rent

for specified renter-occupied units



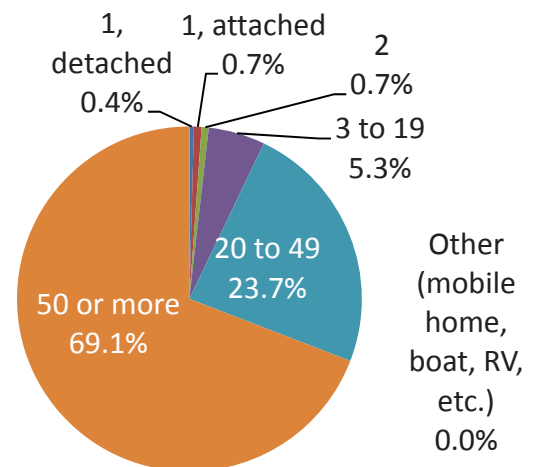
Home Value

for all specified-owner occupied housing units



Number of Units in Structure

for all housing units

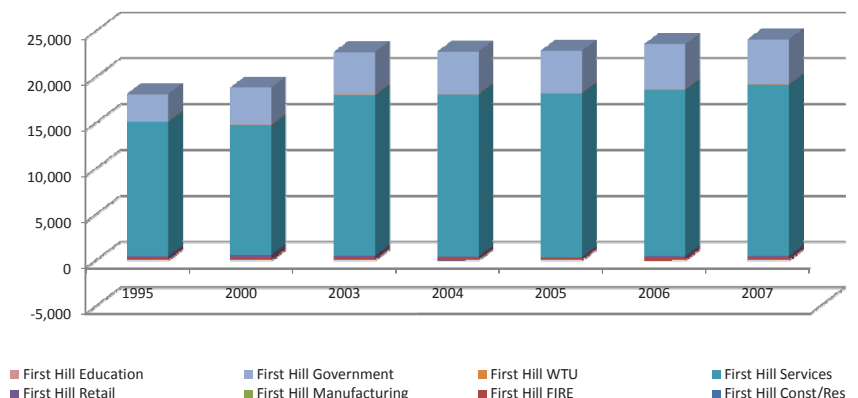


Development Capacity

calculated as of 2007

Housing	5,141 units
Commercial S.F.	585,502 (square feet)
Jobs	1,952

Employment by Sector

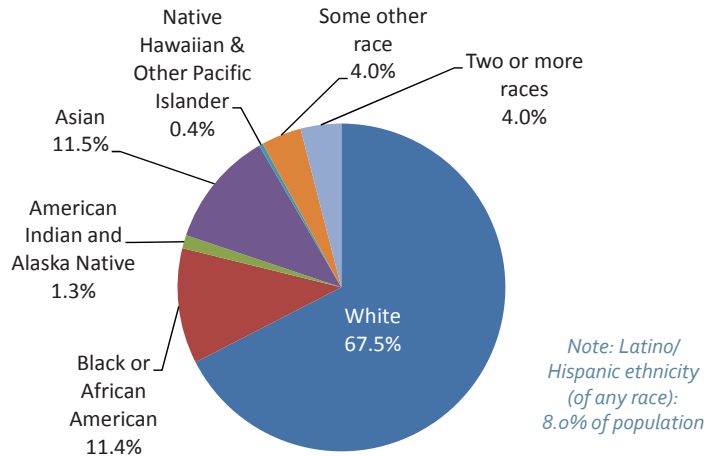


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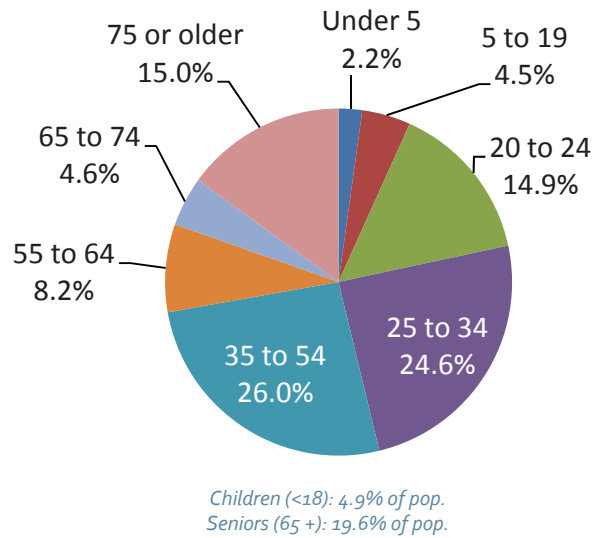
Source: 2000 Census, Washington Employment Security Department

Population	2000	2007*
*estimate	8,032	8,182

Race

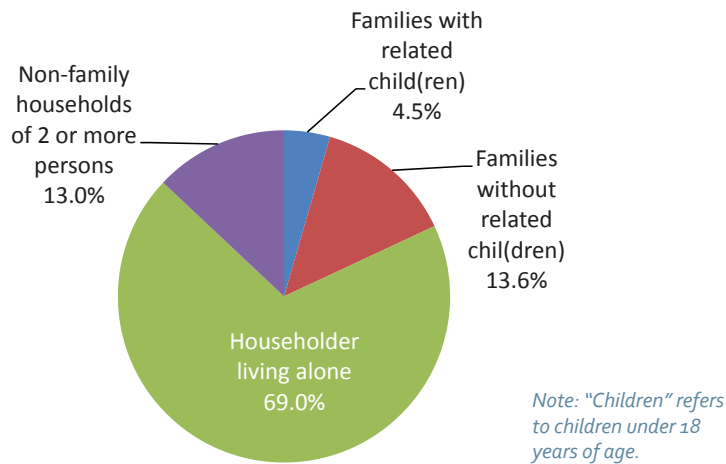


Age



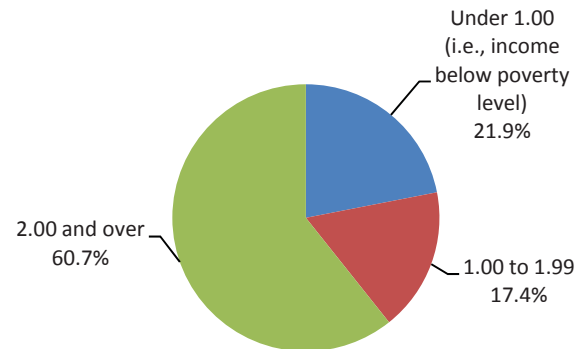
Household Type

for all specified-owner occupied housing units



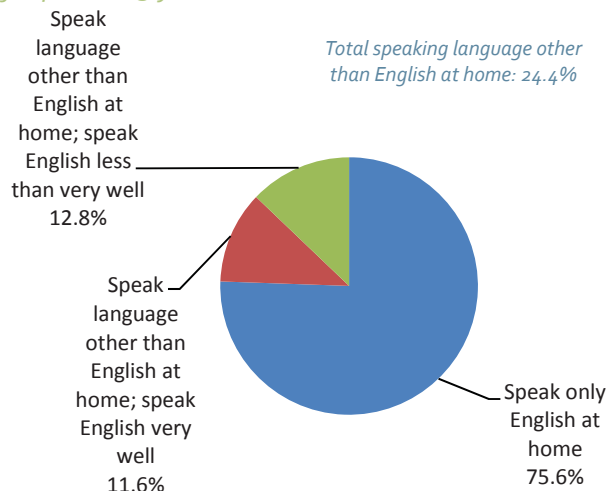
Ratio of Income to Poverty

for persons for whom poverty status is determined

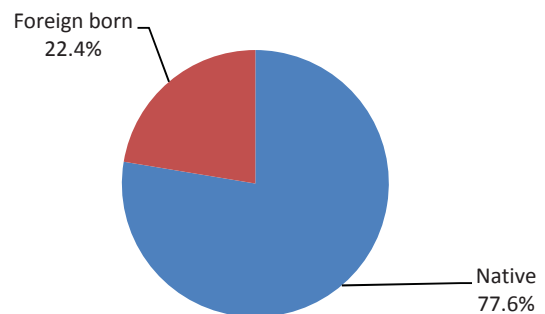


Language Spoken at Home

for persons 5 years and older



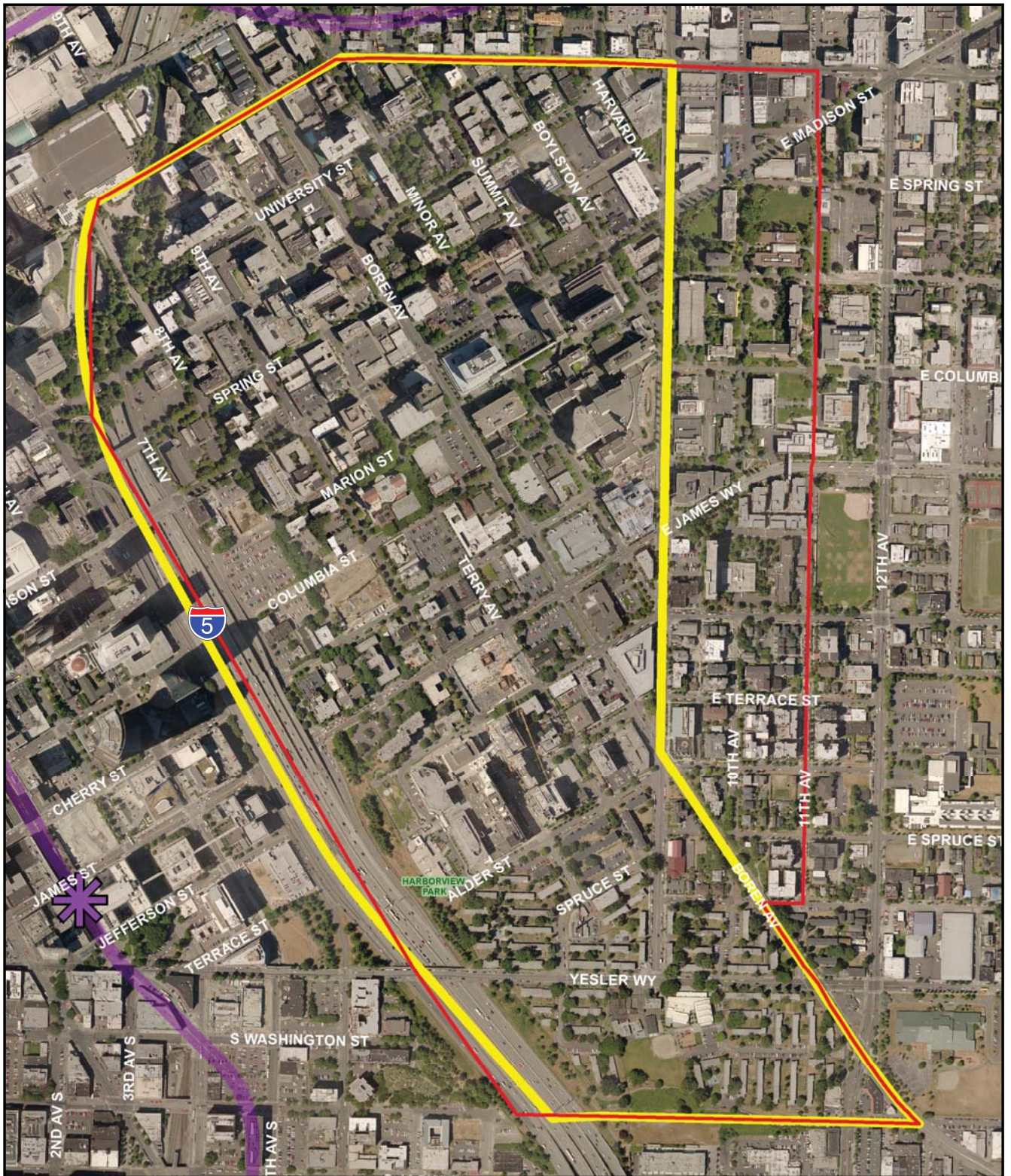
Place of Birth



Entered U.S. within prior 10 years are:
-71.9% of foreign born, 6.3% of total population

Note: "Native" includes born in U.S., Puerto Rico and other U.S. island areas, and born abroad to American parents

AERIAL MAP



First Hill

Urban Village



Neighborhood Plan Area



Aerial Photo: 2007

LINK Light Rail



Stations

At-Grade / Aerial



Tunnel



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